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Mr. Anthony Principi, Chairman
BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Mr. Principi,

On behalf of the Republican Caucus in the Hawaii State House of Representatives, we wish to commend you for your strong and unwavering leadership in these challenging times. It is in this spirit that we bring your attention to and request your support for maintaining the shipyard facility at Pearl Harbor.

We recognize the Department of Defense's need to reallocate its resources and meet the current demands of the war against evolving 21st century challenges and threats. With this in mind, Pearl Harbor is vitally important and satisfies strategic placement of military support capabilities, given the close proximity of potential trouble spots in Asia and the Western Pacific, including China, which has the world's largest military, and North Korea.

We remain steadfast in our efforts to defend the Pearl Harbor shipyard against closure and respectfully call upon you to lend support toward maintaining the shipyard facility and guarding against workers' scalebacks here in Hawaii.

Aloha,

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